

Headquarters, Continental village, September 29. 1781.

Sir,

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I had the honor to write you in the morning. I have since received intelligence that the fleet which fell down to the Hook on Saturday last with the troops which have for some time been embarked, took all the heavy cannon from the grand batteries in New York. It is said the troops have all their baggage on board - Their destination is not yet known. The day before yesterday a packet arrived at New York - it is said, as many as three thousand people waited on the wharf to hear the news, but could learn nothing. The officer who landed from the packet looked much dejected.

I inclose your Excellency a New York paper of the 15th by which you will learn there has been a naval engagement off the Chespeak, but Mr. Livingston's account of it so lame, that we flatter ourselves, when the truth is known, it was a victory on the side of our allies. Every moment is big with interesting events. You shall have them communicated as they come to my knowledge.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

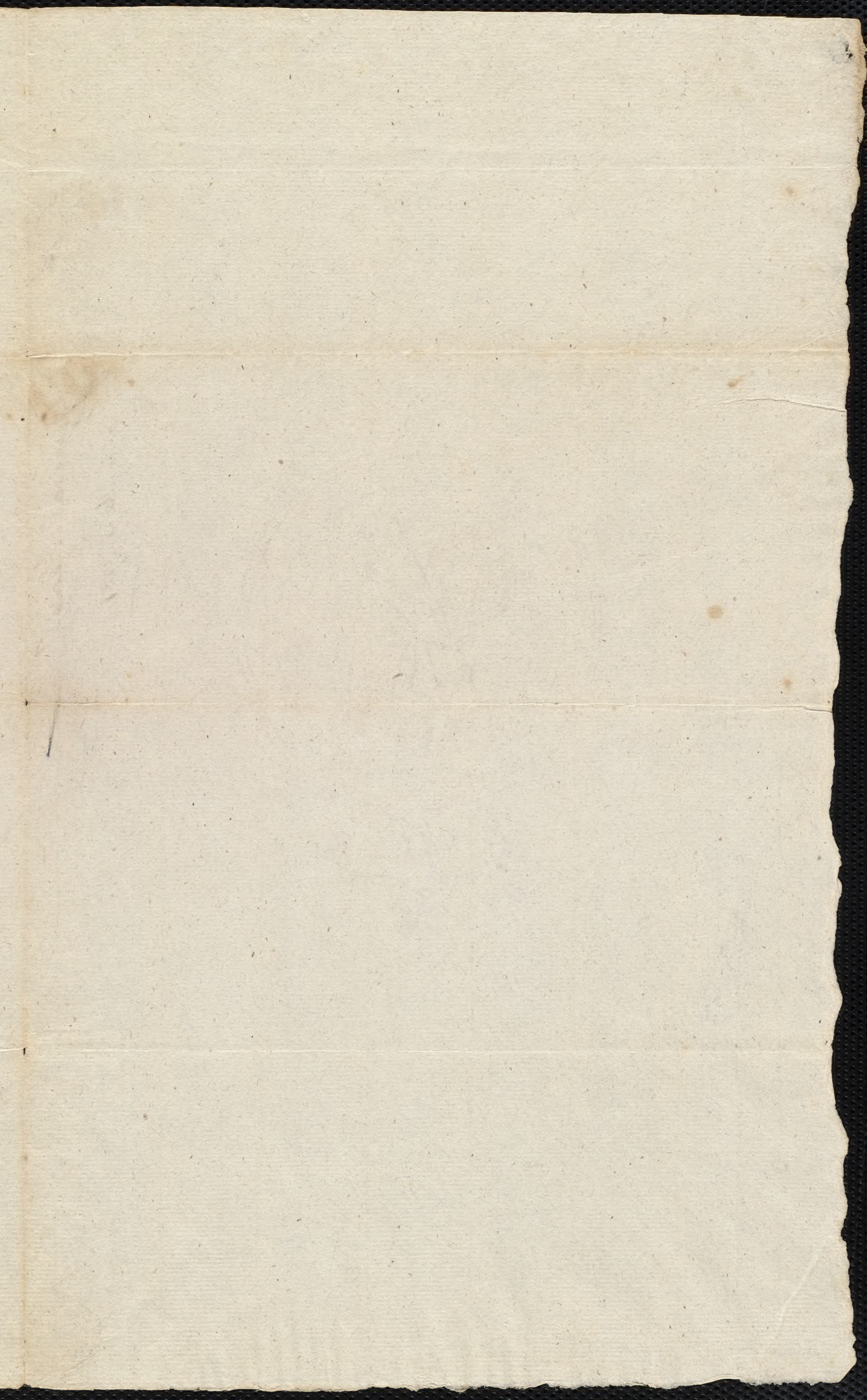
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Most obedient servant,

His Excellency Governor Hancock.

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